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while the tent became a store, boarding house and community center for homesteaders who flocked in to select their lands. Later a huge bonfire was built near the tent, around which were gathered 52 men, and Dora, his daughter, the only woman on the campsite. Grant was the only boy on the campsite. In honor of the occasion the crowd voted to call the settlement Dora, the name it carried for some time or until the post office was established under the name Theodore.

Owning the home ranch had been a dream of the family for years, and when it was finally secured on the Strawberry River, Alva and Josephine made a trip to Salt Lake and had planned a trip to the coast to improve her health. This was not to be, however, and in three weeks she was dead. Her passing occurred February 3, 1913, at the home of her son-in-law, Oscar A. Kirkham.

Alva then put all his energy into building up the ranch to make it a real home for his children and their friends. He had three summer homes built for Ida, Dora and Vern and their families, and a place of fun and entertainment in the large ranch house for his younger family, along with the work that necessarily had to be done.

After World War I, a financial crash came to Alva, as it did to many others, and he also realized that a home was not a home without a mother. So, in October, 1915, he married Ivy Stephens Ludell, and on April 7, 1919, his son, Willard S., was born.

In the meantime, many of his large family had been married and were living in homes of their own, some in the basin and others scattered about Utah and other states.

Of his 11 children, two died in infancy, and Merle and Wells as adults. Dora Ryan passing away in December, 1958. The others are Mrs. Oscar A. Kirkham, Salt Lake; Mrs. R. S. Lusty and Grant Murdock, Duchesne; Mrs. Hazel M. Murray, Willits, California; Mrs. J. C. Hansen, Helper, Utah; Ralph C. Murdock, Whitman, Nebraska; and Willard S. Murdock, Roosevelt, Utah.

Although Alva's health was failing, he was still active in civic and home affairs, and rode his favorite horse daily. At a meeting on February 2, 1944, he was elected general chairman for the Duchesne County

Fair Committee. He had also been president of the Chamber of Commerce and the year before had been chairman of the Duchesne County Stampede.

However, his family insisted he should seek medical aid in Salt Lake City, and he underwent an operation. He later was taken to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Oscar A. Kirkham, where all thought he was improving until the morning of November 1, 1944. He realized the end was near and asked Oscar to say a prayer, and a great spirit passed on.

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## JAMES STACY MURDOCK

James Stacy Murdock, son of Joseph Stacy and Elizabeth Hunter Murdock, was born December 8, 1861, at American Fork, Utah. His parents moved the family to Heber, Wasatch County, Utah, in 1862, where he lived a full life.

As a young man, he and his brother, Alva M., built and managed the first livery stable in Heber. They operated a freight line between Heber and the Uintah Basin



and carried the U. S. mail between Heber and Park City, Utah.

James always was a man of industry and foresight, an ardent sportsman and a builder for his community, as well as for himself. He was known throughout the West as one of its most prominent stockmen and wool-growers. Many people were employed in his various interests. He was civic-minded to the extent that at times he bore the expense of promoting issues he believed to be for the public good. The retaining of the Heber Light & Power Company for the community, being an example. The people of the city were about to sell the plant to the Utah Light & Power Company when he and his life-long friend, James W. Clyde, hired an electrical engineer to prove to the community what a valuable asset they possessed. The company is still owned by the city.

James played baseball, hunted and fished as hobbies, and being an ardent lover of horses, he bred and raced standard-bred horses for a time.

He held many public offices during his lifetime. He was elected sheriff in 1891, serving eight years. From 1893 to 1901 he held the position of County Fish and Game Commissioner. He was a director of the Bank of Heber City many years.

He married Dora Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas and Johanna Kirstine Nicol, on February 23, 1882, in the Salt Lake Endowment House. To this couple two sons and six daughters were born: Mrs. Charles E. (Josephine) Bronson, Alva Pierce, Curtis Thomas, Mrs. Thomas (Criss) Jones, Mrs. Lester D. (May) Greenwood, Mrs. Andrew J. (Hope) Mohr, Mrs. Durrel T. (Clara) Burningham, and Mrs. Eldon (Beth) Ritchie.

During the later part of her life, Dora

was an invalid. The loving care James conferred on her and the children lives in the memory of his family and friends. She passed away on October 29, 1907.

On February 27, 1913, James married Violet McNiven, daughter of James and Lydia McNiven. She died May 25, 1933.

James was a big, genial man, a good friend and neighbor, always ready to contribute time and money to any worthy cause.

He passed away in Salt Lake City, January 12, 1936, and was buried in the family plot in Heber City Cemetery.

*Freight & Stage Line  
owner  
Mail contractor  
Baseball Player  
Cattleman  
Sheep Rancher  
Electricity Pusher  
House Man  
Sheriff  
Fish & Game Commissioner  
Bank Director*

NYPHAS WARREN MURDOCK, whose well ordered ranch estate is situated three miles west of the village of Fruitland, Duchesne County, was born at Charleston, Wasatch County, Utah, June 17, 1887, a son of Joseph R. and Margaret (Wright) Murdock, and grandson of N. C. and Melissa (Barney) Murdock and of William and Jemima Wright, the latter of whom were pioneer settlers in Salt Lake City, whence they later removed to Charleston, Wasatch County, where they passed the closing years of their lives. Joseph R. Murdock was born in Salt Lake City, and his father, N. C. Murdock, was born and reared in the State of New York, whence he came to Utah in the latter part of the 1840 decade and established residence in Salt Lake City, he having been the owner of the land on which now stands the Walker Building in that city and after his removal to Charleston having served as bishop of the local stake of the Church of Latter Day Saints and as president of the stake for a period of thirty years. He was a merchant, agriculturist and grower of live stock.

Joseph R. Murdock, now a resident of Salt Lake City, has been a man of broad and varied activities and has been constructively

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associated with irrigation projects, ranch enterprise and mercantile business. He has maintained residence in Salt Lake City during the past fifteen or more years, but was long an influential citizen of Wasatch County and served twenty-five years as bishop and stake president of the Wasatch Stake of the Church of Latter Day Saints, he having previously served the church as counselor to his father at Charleston. He represented Wasatch County as a member of both the House and Senate of the Utah Legislature.

Nymphas W. Murdock attended school at Heber City and in 1907 was graduated in Brigham Young University. Thereafter he served for a time as bookkeeper in a mercantile establishment, but during a period of fully fifteen years he has been one of the successful representatives of modern ranch industry in the Fruitland district of Duchesne County, where he gives attention to sheep growing and to diversified agriculture. He holds the office of elder in the Church of Latter Day Saints, for which he served a mission in the northern states in 1910.

In 1908 Mr. Murdock wedded Miss Emma C. Hicken, who is now deceased, and the children of this union are Mrs. Fay Hilton, Joseph O., Fern, John, Carl, Norma, Barney and Catherine. June 26, 1929, recorded the marriage of Mr. Murdock to Mrs. Henrietta (Perry) Angle, and their one child is a son, Nymphas. Of the three children of Mrs. Murdock's first marriage Thora is living and Glenn and Georgia are deceased.



# WILLIAM GEORGE NUTTALL AND JULIET WALL



On March 4, 1853, in a wagon bed, sitting in the snow on the bank of Provo river, very close to the point where Highway 91 now crosses, a baby boy named William George was born to William Ephraim and Rosamond Watson Nuttall, while they were guarding the sugar machinery. About the time his father became bishop of Provo Third Ward the boy started school. Being a bashful lad, when the teacher asked him his name, with tears in his eyes he wailed, "My name is Willie George Nuttall and I want to go home." He was called Willie George from then on.

In his youth he enjoyed such things as swimming and fishing, and was baptized in 1861 in the Provo River. After his parents moved to Wallsburg he worked on his father's farm and for a couple of months during the winter each year he went to school. As a young man he wooed and won the beautiful Juliet Wall, daughter of William Madison and Nancy Haws Wall. He took her to Salt Lake City in a wagon, where, on December 8, 1873, they were married in the Endowment House. He was a good worker and manager, for he soon

had a nice house with three large rooms for his bride.

Each summer he and his family went out to Strawberry Valley, where he managed his father's sawmill. Here in the mountains between Wallsburg and Strawberry they cut the trees, dragged the logs into the mill and sawed them into lumber. The crops were planted in the spring before they left town, the livestock taken with them and the younger children herded the cattle in the lush Alpine meadows in Strawberry. Each week or so, a couple of the children were sent back to Wallsburg to water the crops, check on things at home, and bring back needed supplies. Twelve to 14 men were hired to help operate the mill, Juliet cooked and kept camp for this group, in addition to caring for her own. In the winter she made rugs and carpets for her home, quilts and bedding clothes for the children, knitted their stockings and mittens and had charge of the produce of the garden.

William George married a second wife in 1882, while plural marriage was still practiced. Her name was Louise Jane Kerby, born December 13, 1864, daughter of Francis Kerby and Mary Le Carin Kerby. She had two children. She later got a Church divorce.

Around 1895-96 the sawmill was sold and in 1897 he was called on a mission to the Southern States. He had many interesting experiences there, since the people were generally hostile toward Mormon Elders. At one place he and his companion visited there was a big dog in the yard, but it never moved when they went in. The people wanted to know how they got in, for no one had ever gotten by him before. The dog had to be locked up before they could leave. While he was gone his wife and family took care of 100 cattle and did all the work on the large farm.

In 1900 his oldest son, William Albert, was called on a mission to New Zealand. William George continued to farm until 1914, when they sold out, bought a nice home in Provo and planned to retire. The next February, Juliet died following an operation. Several years later he married Eva Ingram of Nephi, his third wife. She was a very fine woman and was kind to him.

Early in 1926 it was found he had diabetes. There was no adrenalin then, so the

doctors couldn't do much for him. He passed away June 25, 1926, and Eva died at Nephi on February 5, 1956.

William George and Juliet Wall's children: Nancy Eleanor, William Albert, George Madison, Juliet, Isaac Wall, Mary Rosamond, Josephine, Leonard Wall, Eugene, Geneva, Ellis Watson and James Vernard.

William's and Louise Jane Kerby Nuttall's children: William Walter and John.

William and Eva Ingram (third marriage) no children.

Preston Nutter

Mr. Nutter came from Texas into  
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Canyon Summit down that eastern slope  
clear to the Green River - from the U.S.  
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Elizabeth was the daughter of pioneer parents who lived in Hooper and then homesteaded land in Lake Creek beginning in 1869. As a girl she was disciplined in the habits of temperance, industry and religion, and actively participated as a teacher and officer in Primary, Mutual and Sunday School. She was Sunday School secretary in Charleston for four years.

After her marriage to Harry she moved to the Phillips farm in Lake Creek and began rearing her family. She also cared for several of her husband's nephews and relatives for many years.

Harry and Elizabeth's six children were Ruby Elizabeth, born June 1, 1899; Earl Harry, born March 18, 1902; Walter Fredrick, born May 17, 1905; Ray Thomas, born July 13, 1907; Reed Alfred, born March 27, 1909 and Joy Lucile, born April 18, 1920.

After her husband's death, Elizabeth continued to live alone, doing Relief Society and genealogical work. She also served as captain of Camp 2, Daughters of the Utah Pioneers in Provo.

### THOMAS AND ELIZABETH NASH PHILLIPS



Thomas Phillips was born January 1, 1828 in Bodenham, Herefordshire, England, and there learned farming. In England he met and married Elizabeth Nash on October 11, 1852. She was born February 9, 1829 in Broomsgrove, Worstershire, England, and was baptized into the LDS Church in 1846. Elizabeth's mother, Mary Ann Barns Nash and her brother James Nash emigrated to Heber in 1863 and 1864, leaving her father and other members of the family in England.

By 1876 Thomas and Elizabeth had saved enough to make the trip to Utah. They arrived in Heber on August 9, 1875 and homesteaded 140 acres of land in Center. Lake Creek ran through their farm.

Thomas's farming experiences in England helped him immensely as he developed his farm in Center, even though he and his wife were unaccustomed to the rigors of pioneer life. They were, however, hard working and thrifty people, and soon were among the most successful cattle ranchers in the county.

Their children included Emma Phillips, born July 4, 1853; Rebecca Phillips, born January 1, 1858; Frederick T. Phillips, born 1861; Elizabeth Jessie, born August 29, 1865 and Harry James, born March 2, 1869.

Thomas Phillips died July 15, 1887 from an accident that occurred while he was hauling lumber from a sawmill in Pole Canyon to complete the building of a new home on Lake Creek. Elizabeth continued to care for her home and gardens, and enjoyed good health. She died May 29, 1900, three days after she fell from a wagon and struck her head on a rock while riding to a picnic with her daughter Jessie and son Harry.

### FREDRICK THOMAS AND MARTHA JANE BAIRD PHILLIPS

Fredrick Thomas Phillips, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Nash Phillips, was born April 27, 1861 in Hanbury, Worcestershire, England, and came with his parents to Utah on May 3, 1875, settling in Heber and then later homesteading in Lake Creek and Center. He married Martha Jane Baird on Oct. 28, 1885. She was born in Heber February 14, 1867.

Their children included John LeRoy, born Aug. 7, 1886; Vance Alton, born July 18, 1888; Alfred Thomas, born Sept. 18, 1890; James Fredrick, born Aug. 16, 1892; William, born July 31, 1894; Harry Guy, born July 3, 1896; Elizabeth Pearl, born July 29, 1898; Ralph Merlin, born April 24, 1901 and Harold Blaine, born Oct. 30, 1904.

In 1899 Fred sold his holdings in Wasatch County and moved his family and cattle to a large ranch in Carey, Idaho, where he raised cattle, horses and sheep. The family spent the rest of their lives on the ranch. Jane died on April 1, 1950 and Fred July 28, 1951.

### HARRY JAMES AND ELIZABETH ANN FOWERS PHILLIPS

Harry James Phillips was born March 2, 1869 in Tipton, Staffordshire, England, the youngest child of Thomas and Elizabeth Nash Phillips. He came to America with his parents at the age of six, having attended school two years. He married Elizabeth Ann Fowers, June 15, 1898. She

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Young Harry traveled with his parents, brother Fred and sisters Rebecca and Jessie from England in 1875, arriving at Echo, Summit County on August 9, 1875. The family was met by William Ryan and taken to Heber where they endured a very hard winter of 1875 and 1876. Harry was able to attend school in Heber that first winter in the valley.

With only three years' formal schooling, Harry was able through diligent effort and a remarkable memory to attain a high degree of education. He never stopped studying and many would comment on his logical reasoning and brilliant mind.

After his father's accidental death in 1887 Harry operated the Phillips ranch for his mother until her death. He finished a beautiful two-story, four bedroom sandstone home and continued the prosperous cattle and farming business begun by his father. He later branched out into the sheep business also.

In 1905 Harry purchased the Dr. John W. Aird home in Heber and moved his wife and daughter Ruby Elizabeth and son Earl Harry there. From this home he conducted a profitable livestock business. Al Miller and John Daybell, two brothers-in-law, associated with him in the business and worked very harmoniously for some time.

For business reasons and to give their children the advantage of college training, Harry and Elizabeth moved to Provo in January of 1909. In 1919 he disposed of his extensive holdings in Lake Creek, Pole Canyon and Soapstone and discontinued the livestock business in Wasatch County. Throughout his days in the city, however, he never forgot that his greatest enjoyment was life as a cowboy, herding cattle in Wasatch County. When he died in Provo on June

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## FUNERAL SERVICES

IN HONOR OF

CLARENCE C. PROBST

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 1985

12:00 NOON

MIDWAY 2ND WARD CHAPEL

MIDWAY, UTAH

BORN OCTOBER 17, 1919 IN KAMAS, UTAH

DIED JANUARY 27, 1985 IN PROVO, UTAH

### PALL BEARERS

LEO GERTSCH	PAUL WILSON
PAUL PROBST	BRANDON GRAHAM
CHADD GILES	OWEN PROBST
DAVID H. PARMA	WILBURN HUFFAKER

### HONORARY PALL BEARERS

TRENT GRAHAM	REDGIE PROBST
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FLOWERS BEING CARED FOR BY THE MIDWAY 2ND WARD  
RELIEF SOCIETY

## SERVICES

PRELUDE & POSTLUDE.....KAREN SPRINGER

OFFICIATING.....BISHOP RONALD DAVIS

FAMILY PRAYER.....CLARK GRAHAM  
SON-IN-LAW

OPENING PRAYER.....CHADD GILES  
GRANDSON

OBITUARY.....BISHOP RONALD DAVIS

MUSICAL SELECTION.....PAT OLSEN & VEON PRICE

"THE OLD REFRAIN"  
ACCOMPANIED BY KAREN SPRINGER

TRIBUTE.....NANCY JO PARMA  
DAUGHTER

MUSICAL MEDLEY.....KAREN SPRINGER

SPEAKER.....BISHOP JERRY PROBST  
SON

MUSICAL SELECTION.....SHIRLA SULLIVAN  
"NIGHTTIME IN NEVADA" &  
"ANYTIME"

ACCOMPANIED BY NANCY CUMMINGS

SPEAKER.....PRESIDENT WAYNE PROBST

MUSICAL SELECTION.....SHIRLA SULLIVAN  
"BEAUTIFUL ISLE OF SOMEWHERE"

ACCOMPANIED BY NANCY CUMMINGS

CLOSING PRAYER.....ALAN GILES  
SON-IN-LAW

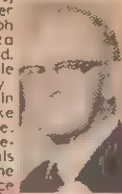
DEDICATION OF GRAVE.....JAMES C. PROBST  
SON

INTERMENT - MIDWAY CEMETERY



## Reed Rasband

HEBER CITY—Reed Rasband, 83, died July 13, 1986 at home. Born Jan. 30, 1903 in Heber City to Joseph A. and Eliza Jeffs Rasband. Married Teenie Montgomery May 23, 1928 in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. Had lived in Heber City all his life where he operated an ice business, a coal business and was a cattleman. Also worked for Heber City. Served as a counselor in the bishopric and high priest group leader. Served on the school board. Served on LDS mission in Southern California. Survived by wife, Heber City; sons, J. Verl and Boyd M., both Provo; John Lynn, Bountiful; Noel J., Salt Lake, 14 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; brothers and sisters, Heber, Lincoln, Mark and Mrs. Leonard (Mary) Bacon, all Heber City; Irving, Salt Lake; Mima Rasband, Provo. Preceded in death by two brothers, Sylvan and Walter. Funeral service Wednesday, 11 a.m., Heber 5th Ward Chapel. Friends may call at Olpin Mortuary Tuesday, 7-9 p.m. and at the church Wednesday one hour prior to service. Burial Heber City Cemetery.



## Reed Rasband

HEBER CITY—Reed Rasband, 83, of Heber City, died Sunday, July 13, 1986 at his home.

He was born Jan. 30, 1903 in Heber City to Joseph A. and Eliza Jeffs Rasband. He married Teenie Montgomery May 23, 1928 in the Salt Lake Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

He owned and operated an ice business, a coal business and was self employed. He was a father and a cattleman.



Reed Rasband

He was an active member of the LDS Church. He served a mission to Southern California and served as a counselor in bishopric and High Priest group.

He was a member of the Wasatch County School Board.

Survivors include his wife of Heber City; four sons, J. Verl Rasband and Boyd M. Rasband, both of Provo; Jenn Lynn Rasband, Bountiful; Noel J. Rasband, Salt Lake City; 14 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; four brothers and two sisters, Heber Rasband, Lincoln Rasband, Mark Rasband and Mrs. Leonard Mary Bacon, all of Heber City; Irving Rasband, Salt Lake City; Mima Rasband, Provo.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Heber Fifth Ward Chapel, 200 W. 100 S., Heber City. Friends may call at Olpin Mortuary, Heber City, Tuesday 7-9 p.m. and at the church Wednesday one hour prior to services.

Burial will be at the Heber City Cemetery.



Clyde Ritchie



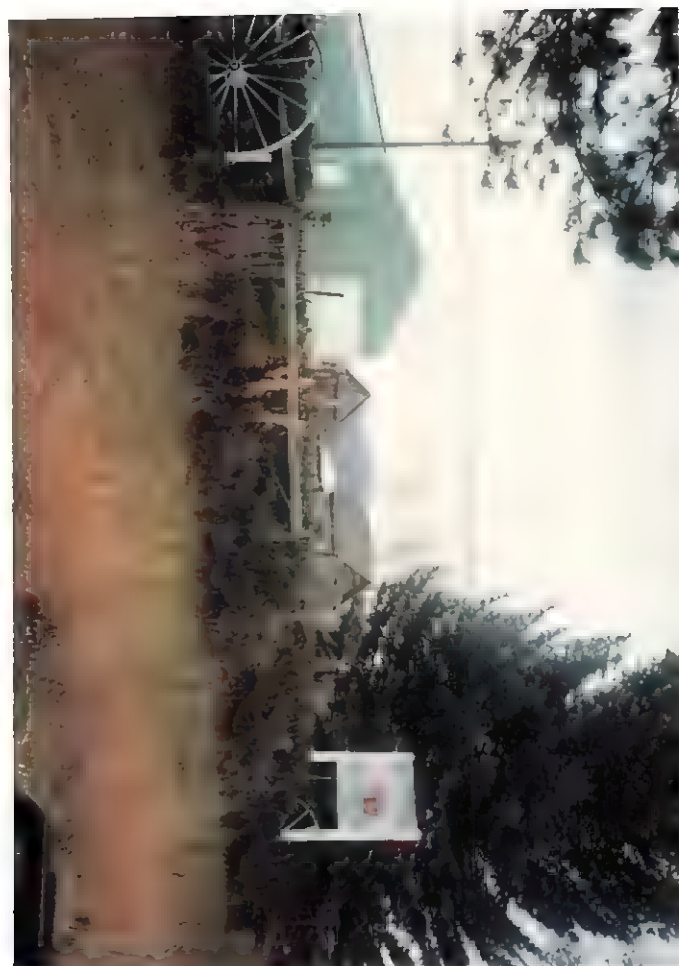
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## ADOLPHUS SESSIONS

Adolphus Sessions was a son of Daniel Alexander Sessions and Rachel Jeanette Baum.

Adolphus, always known as Tobe, was a twin. His brother's name was Adolph.

Tobe married Rachel Emma Hicken and they had two sons. She was the daughter of Thomas Hicken and Margaret Powell. They were married in July, 1892, at Heber, having two sons, Thomas and Charles. After his wife's death he married Mary Jeanette (Mae) Nelson on December 26, 1900, daughter of Henry T. Nelson and Mary E. McMillin of Heber. Together they reared a large family, 13 children: Corridon, Chloe, Ella, Burnell, Agnes Lorna, Elvin, Phoebe LaVern, Erma Rose and Earl (twins), Vilda and Lizzie Deaun.

Mae was a wonderful wife to Tobe. She was born January 13, 1874, and they had many trials. She was always there to help in times of sickness in the neighborhood, being an angel of mercy.

They went to the LDS Temple in Salt Lake City and were married on May 16, 1923, and had their children sealed to them. They lived in the same location all their married lives. Her husband died May 3, 1938. He was a cattle man and farmer.

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Tobe's grandfather, Baum, was a guard over the bodies of the Prophet Joseph Smith and Hyrum in Nauvoo when they were killed. As a girl six years old, his mother remembered walking around the coffins.

Tobe and his twin brother cut rails for the railroad. When only 13 years of age, their father hauled them to Salt Lake. Their shoes were made out of cowhide or of old gunny sacks. They ground their wheat in a coffee mill and soaked it so it would be soft enough to eat.

Mae and Tobe, as they were known to everyone, were quiet in their way, going about doing good. Besides their own family, they reared two grandchildren, Dale and Ruth. They are good, honest people. After her husband's death, Aunt Mae, as she is now known to everyone, kept working to keep her family together.



**DANIEL ALEXANDER  
SESSIONS**

Daniel Alexander Sessions, son of Richard Sessions and Lucretia Haws, was born January 11, 1829, in Illinois.

He married Janette Baum. They were the parents of Rachel, Adolphus and Adolph (twins), Jane, Alfred, Agnes, George H., John R., Jacob.

He died in September, 1905 at Heber, Utah.

He was a farmer and cattleman. p 476

"Unk" Sessions

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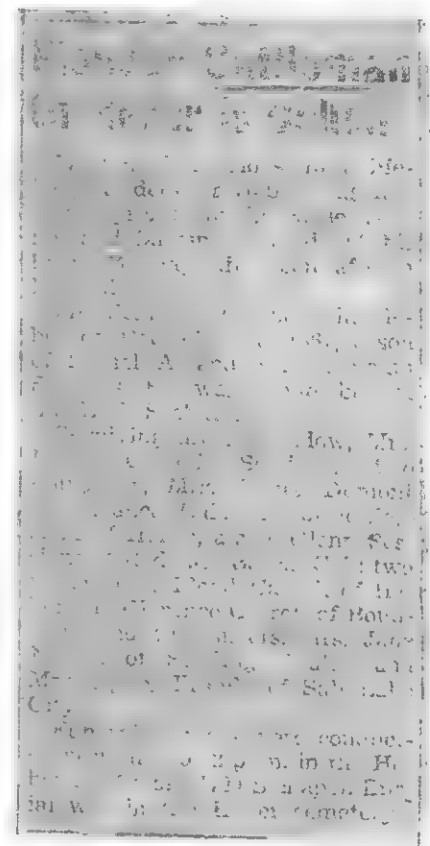
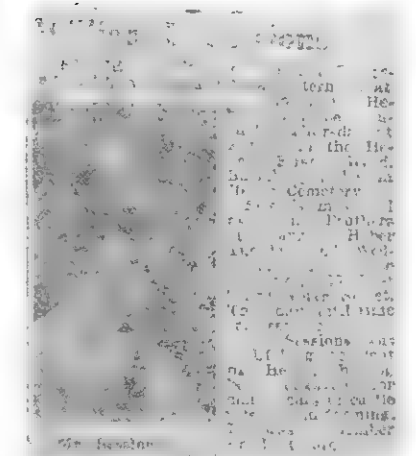
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WALTER EDWARD SWAIN  
AND SUSANNA JANE  
SHELTON

Walter Edward Swain was born March 29, 1890. He married Susanna Jane Shelton on November 25, 1914, in the Salt Lake Temple. He was a farmer and raised sheep and cattle. He always was pleasant and had many friends. He was very fond of music. He was an active Church worker. He died August 10, 1920, of a kidney infection. Children: Lois, Mildred, Dora and Robert Walter. 897

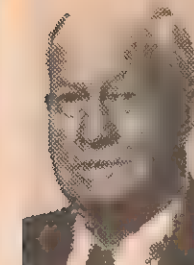
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## Orvel Sweat

HEBER CITY — Orvel Sweat, 89, died Monday, June 27, 1983 at home after a short illness.

He was born April 2, 1894 in Center Creek, Wasatch County, to Louis and Elizabeth Broadhead Sweat.



He married Bertha Leona Galli on June 16, 1915 in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. She died Dec. 31, 1973. He married Ruth Giles Davis on July 23, 1974 in the Provo LDS Temple.

Mr Sweat attended school in Center Creek and was a self taught veterinarian.

Orvel Sweat

He was a lifetime farmer and rancher. He rode horses until this spring, and broke horses and branded cattle until last summer. He herded cattle in the East Daniels District for several years.

He held many positions in the organizations of the LDS Church and was an active High Priest in his ward at the time of his death. He was a Temple worker both in the Salt Lake and Provo temples. He had been a home teacher for more than 75 years.

Mr. Sweat retired from ranching in 1964 and moved to Heber.

Survivors include his wife of Heber, five daughters and two sons, Mrs. Earl (Edna) McDonald, LeRoy G. Sweat and Doyl V. Sweat, Center Creek, Mrs. Forrest (Viola) Giles and Mrs. Ray (Wilva) Anderson, Heber, Mrs. LeRoy (Ruby) Flitton and Mrs. Gale (June) Desmond, Salt Lake City, a step-daughter, Mrs. Thomas (Faye) Henrie, Silver Spring, Md., 36 grandchildren, 123

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## CHARLES EDWIN AND MARIA PRICE THACKER

Charles Edwin Thacker was born August 18, 1862, in Salt Lake City, son of William and Rachel Tonks Thacker. He married Maria Rawlins Price on November 29, 1882, in the Endowment House, ceremony by Daniel H. Wells. She was born August 22, 1864, at Ash Hollow, Nebraska, in a wagon on the way to Utah, daughter of James and



Ann Powell Price Jr. Charles died June 8, 1933, and Maria died July 28, 1937, at Charleston.

His parents homesteaded at Smithfield, in Cache Valley, and in Summit County before coming to Wasatch County in 1871, where they took up a homestead in Buysville.

Charles often told of herding their cattle on the grassy hills near Daniel and other chores performed by pioneer children.

When he was 19 years old he became very ill and had to have a lot of nursing. One of those who helped was Maria Rawlins Price, a lovely brown-haired girl with beautiful brown eyes. She was a daughter of James Price Jr. and Ann Powell, and was born while her parents were coming to Utah in a wagon train. The train stopped in Ash Hollow, Nebraska, long enough for her to make her appearance on August 22, 1864, and then wound on the long journey to Great Salt Lake Valley. She was named Maria Rawlins for the captain of the wagon train, Joseph S. Rawlins.

Maria and Charles were married in the Endowment House in Salt Lake City by Daniel H. Wells, on November 29, 1882. They lived in Buysville several years, where Charles farmed and worked at various jobs available. He was fond of working with oxen and was a great trader in horses, mules, oxen and range cattle, and always had some around. He owned and worked 10 yoke of oxen (two head) at one time. He took timber contracts at the Park City mines when they were booming, camping there for two or three summers in the mountains above Park City, and furnished timbers for the mines, along with other men from Heber.

He had a deep love for the mountains, so he bought a shingle mill and took his little family to the mountains to run it.

## BEAUTIFUL UPON THE MOUNTAINS

## DANIEL BIOGRAPHIES

Many of the shingles on the homes in Heber Valley came from his mill. He had an interest in a business in the Teton Basin in Idaho at one time, but he always returned to Wasatch.

Charles and his brother Fred bought a ranch on Blacks Fork, Wyoming, at one-half interest apiece, that Dr. Brewster, doctor at Ft. Bridger when the soldiers were there, had bought and built a large two-family home on. Mrs. Charlie Handley of Ogden owned the ranch and had been leasing it out. Charles also owned and operated a sawmill on Sage Creek, Wyo., west and north over the mountains from Henrys Fork. He took a contract from the Bell Telephone Co. to furnish 30 miles of poles from Carter Station on the Union Pacific Railroad to Lone Tree, Wyo. It was a big job, red pine poles 25 feet long and 8 inches at the tip. The poles had to be cut and peeled by hand with axes. It was grueling work. Took two years for that job along with the sawmilling. This was the first telephone line in that country. Messages were delivered by horseback until the line was put in.

His own son, Dave, hauled more of those poles than anyone else, with four horses. Scattered them along the entire 30 miles. Fifty-five years later, in the fall of 1958 Dave visited this line and some of those poles are still standing. Some have been braced and some replaced.

After returning from Wyoming he owned and operated a sawmill in Daniels Canyon and Strawberry Valley.

In 1899, they were living in Charleston when the railroad came to Wasatch County. The right of way went through the home of Charles and Maria's, or "Aunt Nina's," as she was affectionately called. The railroad company bought their property and they went to Bridger, Wyoming, where they purchased Fred's one half of the ranch on Black's Fork. After about four years they sold their ranch in Wyoming and returned to Charleston in 1903 where they began sawmilling in Daniel Canyon.

These people were good, kindly people and they gave many a weary traveler a meal and a bed. They also took care of their aging parents and raised several children besides their own large family of 13, 10 of whom they reared to maturity. They were beloved by all who knew them, especially their children and grandchildren.

They engaged in ranching and stock raising in the Uintah Basin from 1916 to 1921 after which they again returned to Charleston where they lived until their deaths. Charles suffered a stroke in the early summer of 1933. He was buried in Charleston cemetery. Maria died four years later, on July 28, 1937, and she was laid beside her beloved husband.

Their children are: Charles David, Rachel Ann, Tessie Maria, William Price, Leah Charlotte, Rawlins, Olive Millie, Hazel, George Angus, Ray Alvin, Isabelle, Eva and Grant.

## JOHN AND ELIZA ANN WINTERTON THACKER



John Thacker was born June 7, 1867, at Smithfield, Cache County, Utah, a son of William and Rachel Tonks Thacker. He married Eliza Ann Winterton on December 19, 1894, in the Salt Lake Temple. She was born October 9, 1872, at Charleston, Utah, daughter of William and Ellen Widdison Winterton. John died February 23, 1951, at Daniel. Eliza died January 12, 1960.

John Thacker, with his parents, moved from Smithfield to Peoa and later to Heber, then to Buysville.

John always said when he married he wanted to take his bride to a home of their own. This he did. It was a two-room red brick house. He also owned a small farm and a good team of horses. They have lived in the same house all their married life, adding on to it several times.

They were industrious, honest, friendly, charitable and hospitable. They always encouraged their children to take an active part in Church work and other activities.

John made a living by farming, raising a few cattle and in the earlier days by team work and hauling lumber from sawmills. He

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was a jack of all trades — did a little carpenter work, including barn building, blacksmithing, etc. He made playthings for his children, such as sleighs, cupboards, tables, etc. For many years he repaired the family shoes. He loved children and enjoyed playing with them.

Often in the evening he would take the old banjo down from the wall and sing as he played.

John and Eliza were both active in the Church and community. He helped build roads, canals, the electric light line to Daniel, the culinary water system and the ward amusement hall.

Eliza was especially active in Relief Society for many years, helping with the sick, making burial clothing and ward teaching. She served as a counselor a number of years. John served as superintendent of the Sunday School and was a High Priest.

Their son Ralph A. served a mission to Samoa. Irwin also served a mission. Their son Fay is bishop at Castle Gate and Horton served in the bishopric at Daniel with Bishop Dean Bethers.

John and Eliza worked hard all their lives to provide for their growing family and were good managers.

Their golden wedding was celebrated December 17, 1944.

Their children are: Ralph A., Nellie, Chloe, Fay, Irwin, Thora, Aurtance, Horton, Afon, Weston.